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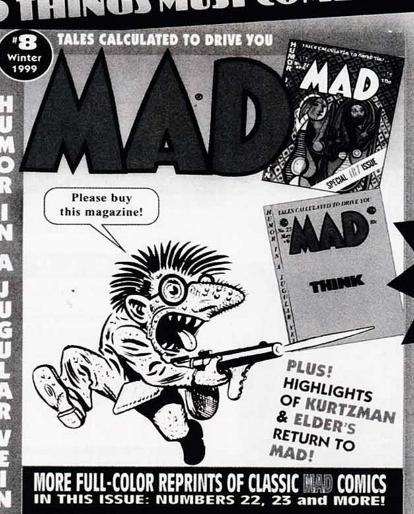
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ALL SO-SO THINGS MUST COME TO AN END!

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(Aw, who are we kidding?!? If you missed the first seven, then there's not a chance in hell you'll want this one!)



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"If people wanted your unsolicited advice, they'd ask for it!"







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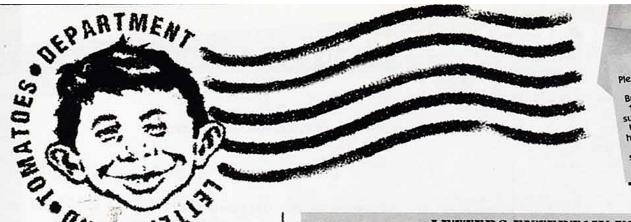
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PUTTING IN OUR TWO CENTURIES' WORTH

I have been a MAD reader ever since you started publishing. As usual, I enjoyed your Super Sized MAD (Super Special #128). However, I found one point on which I have to nitpick. On page 15 it says, "...there are over 150 self-improvement hints covering every day of every month of the last half of the last year of the 20th Century!" The calendar is obviously that of the year 1999. But even Alfred E. Neuman knows that the year 2000, not 1999 is the last year of the 20th Century. The 21st Century does not start until the year 2001. Keep up the good work.

James L. Davis, Sunnyvale, CA

Jammy — After consulting the gregorian calendar, moon cycles, taking into account the atomic clock in Greenwich, as well as the book *Questioning the Millennium* by Stephen Jay Gould, here's our 151st tip, created just for you...GET A LIFE! —Ed.

LETTERS ENTERTAIN YOU

I felt it is my obligation to write The Usual Gang of Idiots and point out a blatant mistake that can be found in "A MAD Look at Veterinarians" in issue #384. If one notices the initials placed on the doors and windows, one will notice that these initials are D.M.V., and happen to be those of the Department of Motor Vehicles. It is not expected that the author of this feature would possess the common knowledge that D.V.M. (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) is the correct title of a Veterinarian. However, it is expected that the editors would be able to catch and correct such a mistake, for that is a key aspect of their job.

Jesse S. Sommer, Voorheesville, NY

Jester - How dare, how DARE you presume to know the key aspects of a MAD Editor's job. Just to show how much you know, proofreading and fact checking are #6 on the list of MAD Editor's duties (hardly "key" by anyone's definition). The other five more important aspects are:

- Write yet another long, meandering letter to Marisa Tomei asking for a conjugal visit.
- Call Dave Berg and make sure he's using the salve.
- Trying to recover from a bad weekend in Atlantic City by Day trading.
- Call John Caldwell, tell him the salve is working for Berg and he should give it a try.
- Mock readers on the Letters Page.
 as you can see, we have many more important responsibilities than worrying about the order of a few, insignificant

letters. Writes for thanking! -Ed.







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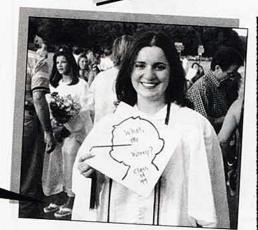
Enclosed is a picture of myself at graduation with my Alfred cap. Can you say pathetic? This is my cheap attempt at getting five minutes of fame. Hope it worked!

Vané Becidyan, Paramus, NJ

Vané — Thanks for the lovely photo.

We're happy to supply you with five minutes of fame. But what's with the goofy footwear on your classmate to the left? —Ed.







I've been getting your magazine since 1993 and I always will. I sent this picture to you and I think I look like Alfred E. Neuman in this one, what do you think? If you think the same as I do I hope you can put it in the next issue of MAD. I'll be very grateful if you do that and I will also also really appreciate it. By the way, I'm 15 years old and that picture is from 8th grade.

Peter Oliveri, Hightstown, NJ

Peter — As far as you resembling Alfred E. Neuman, our staff was divided. Half think you look nothing at all like Alfred. The other half strongly feel you resemble the illegitimate love child of Sylvester Stallone and that fat chick on The Practice, Camryn Manhands or whatever her name is. Go know! In summing up, we have two words for you — cosmetic surgery. It's never too early! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

"SNAP" JUDGMENTS

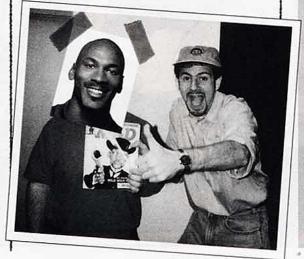
How do you know if the "Celebrity Snaps" are real?

Andrew Nelson, Nelson@ini.net

Nellie - We had to laugh when we read your letter, because we put each submission to MAD Celebrity Snaps through a tough and rigorous verification process. First, 17 distinct facial points on the alleged celebrity's face are matched with a known image of that celebrity in the Associated Press Celebscan® database. Next, we check the Celebrity Satellite Positioning (CSP) website to see if the celebrity was at the location the photo was taken on the day the Celebrity Snap submitter claims. Finally, we call the Celebrity Snap submitter, and using a voice-stress analyzer, question them on the authenticity of their photograph. Only when all three of these exacting tests are passed does the photo receive the coveted title of a MAD Celebrity Snap and the submitter rewarded handsomely. Thanks for your interest in this popular MAD feature. —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Duke Berkowitz of Grand Rapids, ND comes up with a winner this month as he finds famous Chicago Bulls superstar and basketball begend Michael Jordan during his vacation at Carlsbad Caverns! Congratulations, Ryan, your free three-year MAD subscription is on its way!



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AYE, THERE'S THE STUB DEPT.

A recent MAD subscriber survey showed that 84% of our readers live in a continual world of darkness, broken only when they use a flashlight to read the new issue of MAD shoved under their barricaded front door! This article is for the other 16% - those brave MAD readers who have left their homes, paid money to be entertained and surely never took the time to read all the teeny-tiny mumbo-jumbo printed on the other side of their ticket stubs! And thank heavens for that, because that's all the excuse for this article...

MAD LOOKS AT WHAT'S ON

STAR WAR PHANTOM MENA



Thank you for choosing Jerry. To accommodate the live nature of our taping, please turn off your beeper, cell phone and sense of human decency.

Neither The Jerry Springer Show, its producers nor its sponsors are liable for torn muscles or other orthopedic injuries you may incur while doing that circular "Hoo! Hoo!" fist pump or idiotic "Raise the roof" move.

Management is pleased to announce that any audience member who gets hit by a flying chair may keep it.

The producers apologize if you're unlucky enough to attend a taping of one of the lame-o episodes in between all the sleazy smut, during one of the weeks when Jerry's supposedly "cleaning up his act."

This ticket is complimentary and therefore not resalable. Ticket holders attempting to sell this ticket may be candidates for our upcoming show: "Complimentary Ticket Holders Who Try Selling Free Tickets, and the Women Who Cheat On Them."

This ticket entitles bearer admission to the film listed on the front of this ticket, at the time designated... unless bearer is a thirteen-year-old boy, in which case it entitles him to see all the movie in Theater One, the last 20 minutes in Theater Two, 12 minutes in Theater Three, 35 minutes in Theater Four and so forth.

NOTE: By purchasing this ticket, Ticket Holder agrees to ignore the bleeping videogames and flushing toilets just on the other side of the flimsy multiplex walls.

WRITERS: DESMOND DEVLIN AND BUTCH D'AMBROSIO

ARTIST: RAY ALMA





THE BACK YOUR TICKET



Attendance at this concert does not guarantee empowerment.

Ticket Holder retains all rights and privileges as womandated by law. Get it? It's like "mandated," but we changed the first part. Anything to make you dumb broads happy.

At the request of the performers, picture-taking is expressly prohibited because "most of us wind up looking really fat.





Ticket Holder may prefer kicking it Old School; Ticket Holder agrees that Bad Boy Productions and/or Puff Daddy are/is not

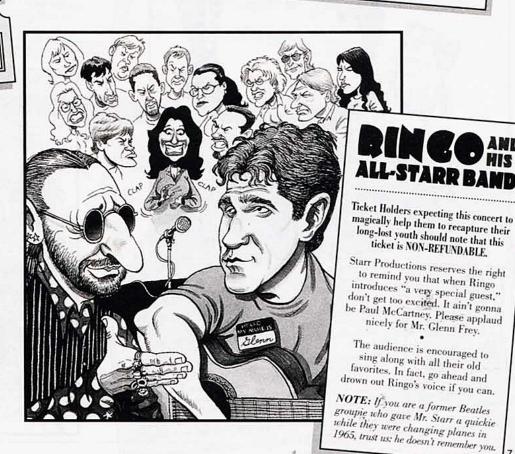
liable if performers give big ups to the one-triple-nine. Ticket

also bears full responsibility for identifying his or her own dilly-o.

Bad Boy Productions apologizes for not mentioning

Holder agrees that either style is a light, a light? Ticket Holder

Biggie Smalls anywhere in the last three sentences Biggie Smalls, Biggie Smalls, Biggie Smalls



By the seventh or eighth time you are asked to "throw your

hands in the air/and wave

it is acceptable for Ticket

Holder to truly not care.

'em like you just don't care,"

WHAT'S ON THE BACK YOUR TICKET

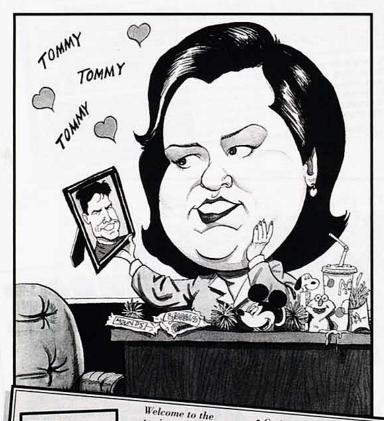
Elton John This ticket is a revocable linear

This ticket is a revocable license and does not guarantee "Fat Elton," "Sober any other particular and specific Elton of Elton." Serious Elton" or from among the 66 recognized varieties Manager.

Management requests that you please refrain from 1) Commenting on the video in 1985, as compared with his bushy and John performs some of his 1980s and 1990s songs to go to the bathroom

WARNING: Elton may rewrite your favorite song at any instant to commemorate the tragic death of Nelson Mandela, the Queen Mum, Pope John Paul II, Barbara Walters, Kato Kaelin, Cloris Leachman or the guy who played Gerald McRaney's C.O. on Major Dad.





PSIQ ODWILL SHOW taping of The Rosie
O'Donnell Show.
By use of this ticket
you consent to
tolerate one hour of
fawning, preening,
smirking, bad
singing, vapid banter, useless trivia,
out-of-control lip
pursing, "Ain't I a
devil?" facial poses,
and a perverse love
of children's toys.

- Crying out, "By the sweet God that made me, her head truly is the size of a Goodyear radial tire!" during taping is strictly prohibited.
- Ticket Holder agrees to totally suspend disbelief whenever Rosie talks about how much she loves her Tommy...or anyone else with a Y chromosome.
- The Rosie O'Donnell Show reserves the right to do lame desk pieces, kooshball throwing. Mystery Guest and other ideas stolen from other, enjoyable talk show hosts.



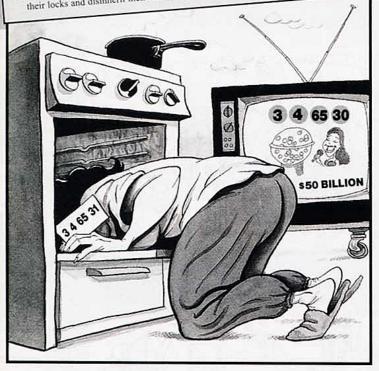
Ticket Holder agrees not to mind that after the first two minutes of stompity-stomp, the following 118 minutes are going to be pretty much more of the same.

This ticket does not imply proper inspection and upkeep of these facilities. Neither Riverdance nor the management of this venue are legally liable should the energetic stomping cause hordes of terrified rats to flee from underneath the stage, leaping at your face as they attempt to claw their way to safety.

Management reminds you that the dancers have traveled all the way from Ireland to entertain you. Please do not taunt them by whittling green soap with a knife, loudly counting their freckles or by overuse of the phrase "they're magically delicious."



- 2. Odds of YOU winning: Not a prayer.
- Odds of winning: 350,170,105,320.1.
 Odds of getting cancer from exposure to that gray flaky scratch-off stuff; 5:1.
- 5. Odds of getting cancer from exposure to that gray tracky scratch-off stuff; 511.
 4. Winners who never, ever played before, but bought a ticket this one time because the jackpot was extra big, are encouraged to shut the hell up.
 5. Regular lottery players who skipped the one week when their numbers came up are hereby informed that statistically, are works better than clacking one's wrists. Regular lottery players who skipped the one week when their numbers came up are
 hereby informed that statistically, gas works better than slashing one's wrists.
 Game piece will be void if determined by lottery officials to have been used to pick teeth.
 Winners must claim prize within 365 days. This should give them plenty of time to change
 their locks and displayer their worthlors locks relatives.
- their locks and disinherit their worthless leech relatives.







Once the game has begun, latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the ushers who have taken \$20 to move people from the nosebleed section into your seats.

Ticket Holder assumes responsibility for any danger incidental to the game, including:

- being hit by a ball, bat or collapsing chunk of stadium;
- 2) catching someone's 71st home run and being instantly mugged by greedy fans;
- being trampled by Ally McBeal star Calista Flockhart when she races to the bathroom to woof up the chili dog and home fries she just ostentatiously ate for the FOX-TV cameras.

Ticket Holder retains the right to mumble or make up words to the National Anthem



Max Korn High School Presents MACBETH

Management requests that all Ticket Holders pretend that the greatest playwright in the history of humankind was just Waiting these past 400 years for his words to be mangled by pimply gorks and hormonally-addled stammerers.

Relatives of the actors agree to maintain fixed smiles until it hurts.

Ticket Holders of Scottish descent are urged not to become angry by the fact that the cast's entire understanding of Scotland's speech patterns, culture and history comes from watching Groundskeeper Willy on The Simpsons.

By use of this ticket, you consent to give one of the following "positive" responses when asked by a cast member what you thought of tonight's performance:

- "The scenery was so colorful!" •"I never thought Shakespeare could be done
- •"It was just one scene after another!" the way you did it!"
- "That's what I call a play!"



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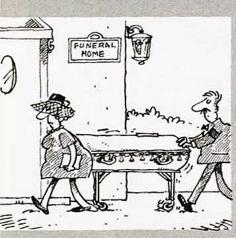










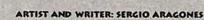


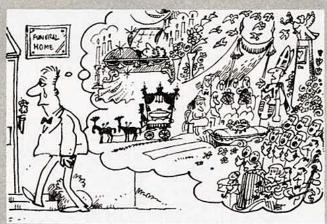






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TODAY WE HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST!
GAY HELLO TO ENTREPRENEUR
AND INFOMERCIAL STAR,
VIC ROBBINS!

THAT WAS
PATHETIC!
YOU YOUNG PEOPLE
DON'T HAVE THE
DRIVE TO BE
RICH!
GOODBYE!

WAIT, MR. ROBBING! THESE KIDS HAVE WHAT IT TAKES! DON'T YOU, KIDS! GOUNDS PRETTY
WEAK. BUT WHAT
THE HELL, I DON'T
HAVE ANOTHER
APPOINTMENT FOR
30 MINUTES. I'LL
GIVE IT A
TRY.



AND WILL THIS

"POKIE-MAN" BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED
ONES?



COURSE NOT! SO,
ARE YOU READY
TO GET RICH SELLING
CANDY FOR AN
AMERICAN CANDY
CO. INC.?

GGGURE.

ME

AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS ELIGIBLE TO START SELLING TODAY!

HEY, ROBBING, REMEMBER OUR DEAL EACH KID YOU GIGN UP I GET FIVE BUCKS.



DID I MENTION HOW FULL OF CHOCOLATEY GOODNESS THESE BARS ARE?

GOOD-BYE, CHILD. I HOPE YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT MAIMING.



MY NAME IG

MR. RIECKEN AND I

DON'T HAVE A WALLET WITH ME.

WHY DON'T YOU JUMP IN

THE CAR AND WE CAN

GO GET IT?







If life is like a box of chocolates, then Monroe's life is like the Coconut Cluster that no one wants!



LIGTEN TO THAT -- SO WEAK, SO UNSURE! THAT'S WEAKNESS!
ELL ME, WHAT ARE YOU
DOING TO BECOME
FINANCIALLY
GECURE?

MY AUNT GAVE ME SOME PRETTY VALUABLE POKÉMON CARDS!



POKÉ. WUSS!

AND HOW MUCH OF THAT GOES TO AN

ACTUAL CHARITY?

HE NEXT DAY ...

REMEMBER TO BLOCK THEIR WAY TO THE ATM AND GIVE 'EM THE SPEECH! OK, LET'S HEAR IT!

> "SIR AND/OR MADAME. I'M SELLING THIS CANDY TO HELP ME STAY OFF DRUGS AND OUT OF GANGS ...



AND REMEMBER TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK IN THREE HOURS, IT'S THE LAW!



ER... HOW MUCH IS THE



SIX BUCKS

GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU FREAK!

THAT'S A SHAME. I COULD TEACH YOU A SPECIAL WAY TO WASH YOURSELF.



DID I JUST SEE YOU LET A SALE GET AWAY?

B-BUT THAT GUY WAS S-SICK!



SO NOW WE'RE HAND-PICKING OUR CUSTOMERS, EH? LISTEN, HALF-PINT, YOU GOT A GROSS OF CANDY THERE AND I EXPECT MY MONEY!



I SAID, "GOT IT?!"

I DON'T CARE HOW
YOU GET RID OF IT,
BUT FIND SOME
SUCKER AND





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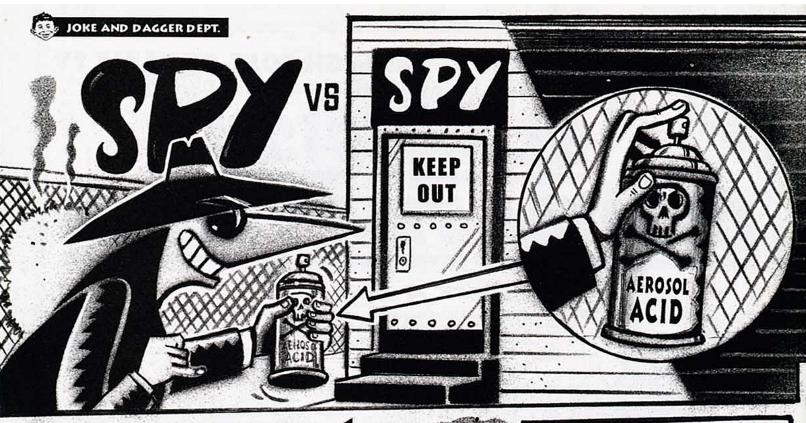
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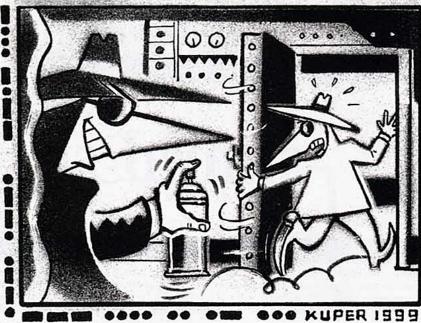


A MAD AD PARODY

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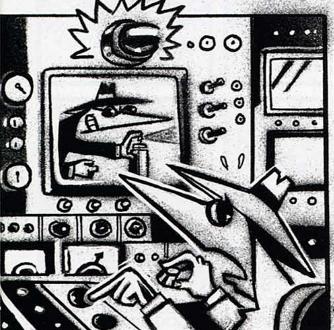






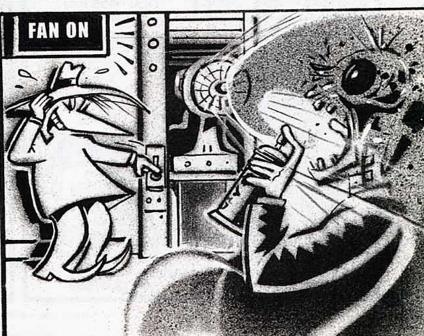














END - OF - THE - MILLENNIUM

"THE BEST THAT CIVILIZATION HAS TO OFFER!"





DEFERENCE AND ETIQUETTE WARS OF THE ROSES (1455-1485)



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HUNDRED YEARS WAR (1337-1453)



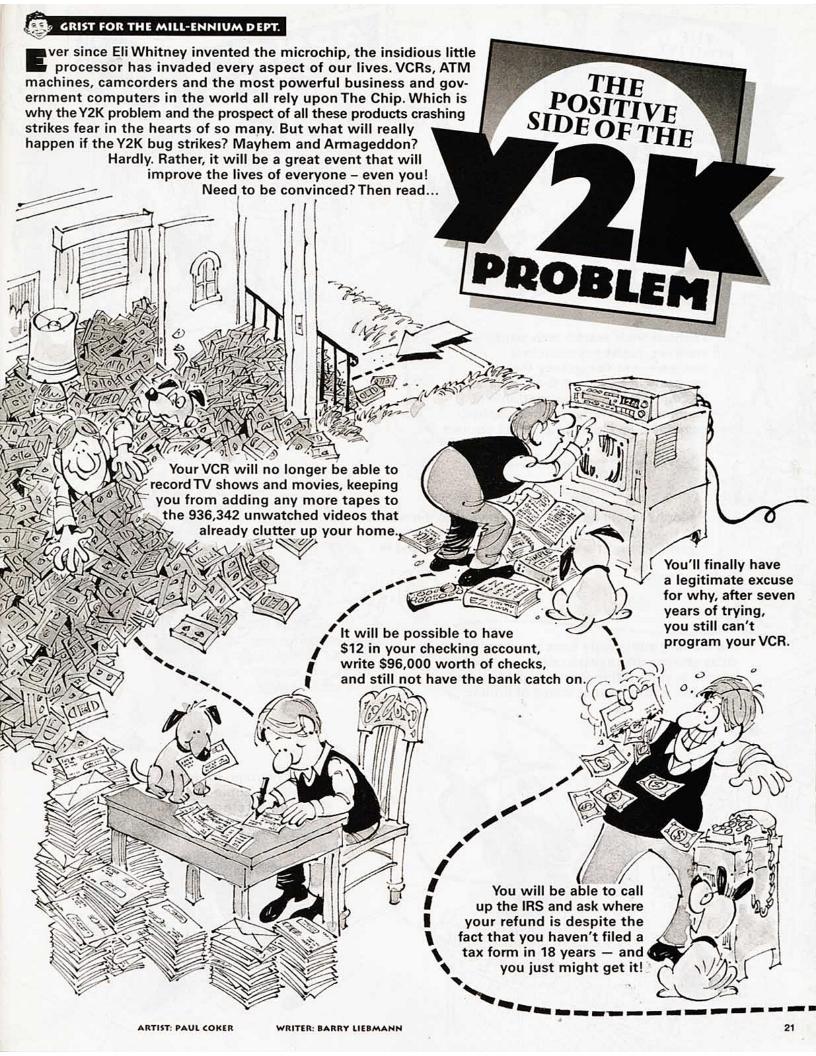
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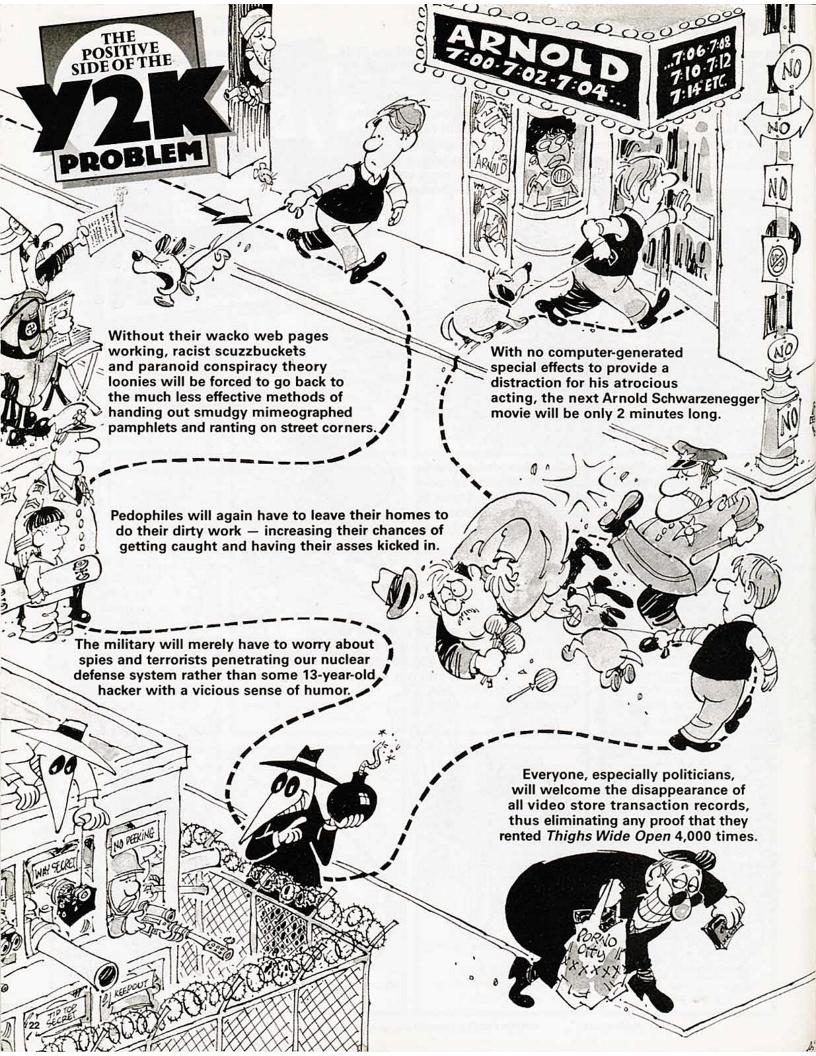


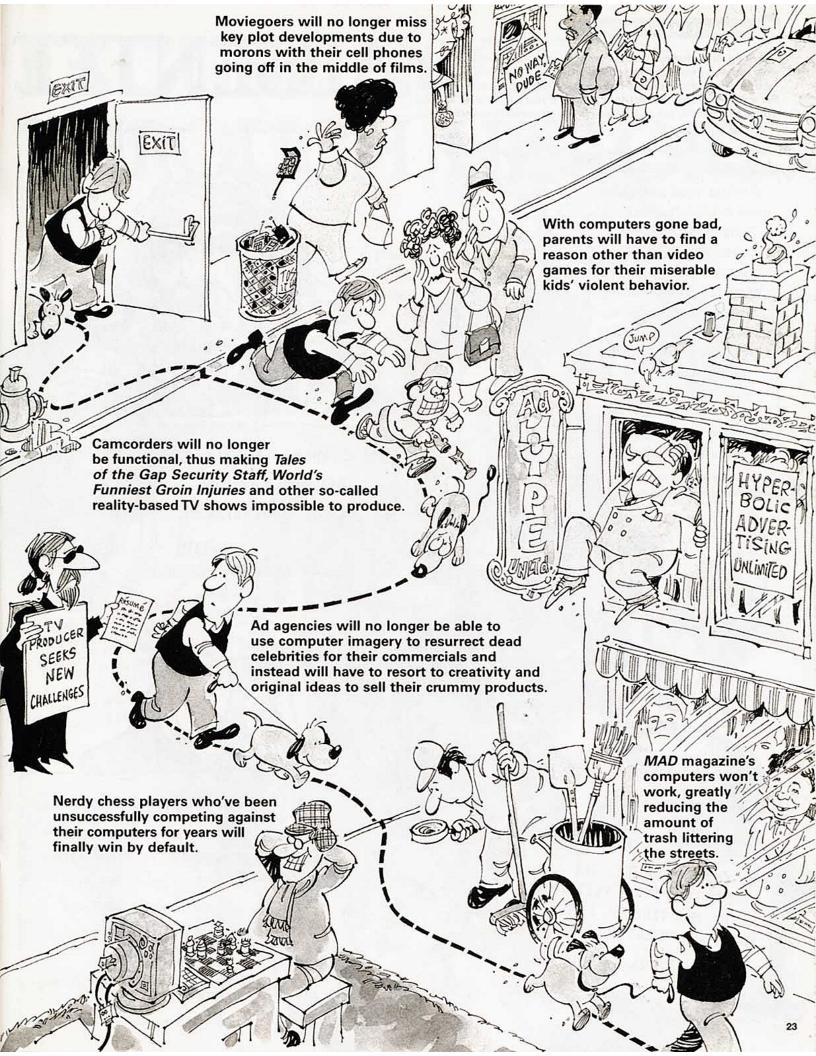














Back in the days when parents had time to notice whether their kids went to school or not and teachers did more than cower under their desks all day, the "absence excuse note" was born. Such a note, written by a parent, would prove that a student's excuse for missing school was a valid one. How far back did this odd practice exist, you ask? Far enough that we're able to present these...

ABSENTEE



WRITER: CHARLIE RICHARDS

A bright-eyed youngster went to his father and said, "I am too sick to attend class." When the father checked his forehead and found that it was indeed warm, the father said, "Very well! Stay home today! But learn twice as much tomorrow!"

—Confucius, Excuse #64 from the Book of Confucius Excuses

A PERSON WHO IS NOT PRESENT IS ABSENT.

MY SON WAS NOT PRESENT.

THEREFORE, MY SON WAS ABSENT.

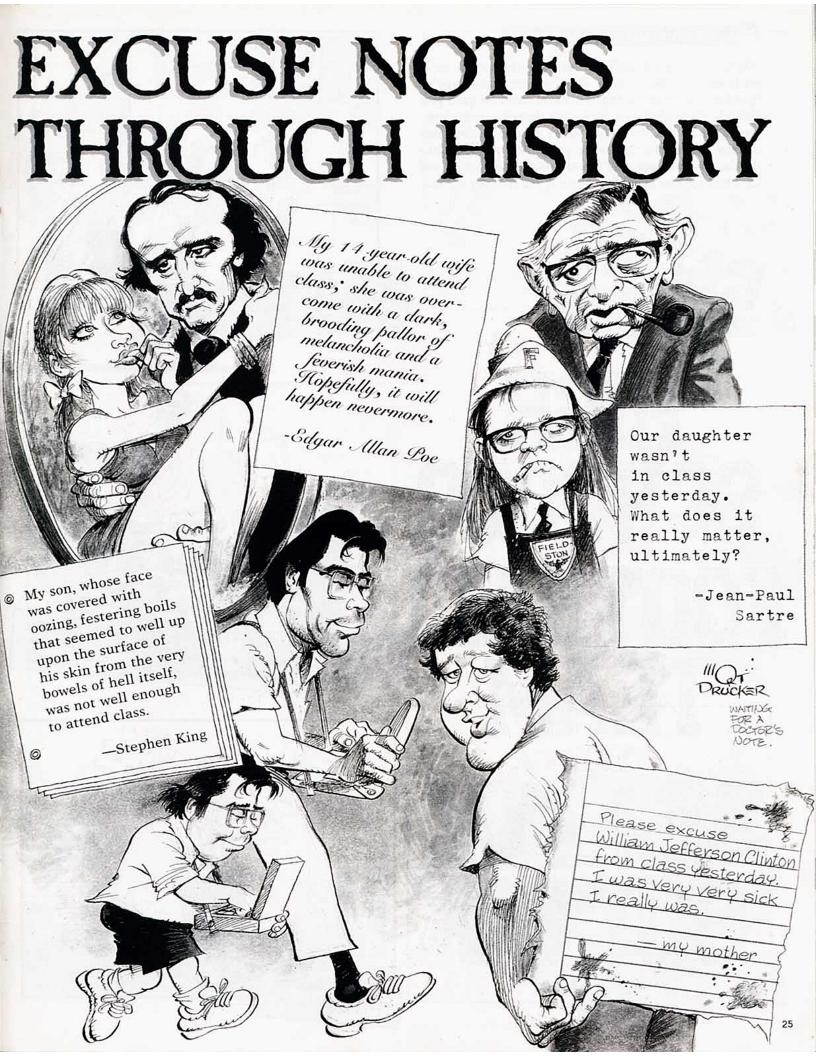
-\$**\$**<**RAT**\$\$

My son, Attila Jr., was Absent from class yesterday. If this is a problem, I will kill you and eat your heart.

-ATTILA THE HUN, SR.

I know not what course other students may take, but as for my daughter, she had chicken pox.
I took the liberty of keeping her home.

-Patrick Henry



LET'S GET READY TO FUMBLE! DEPT.

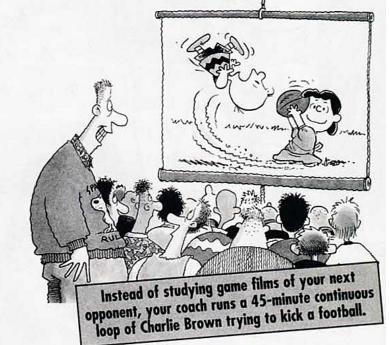
Whether you live in a small town or a large metropolis, nothing is more important (other than how many cows you've tipped or how many piercings you have) than how good your high school's football team is. A state champion means bragging rights for life. But a loser means merciless teasing that can scar you for life! So how do you protect yourself? Take the time to check out your school's pigskin players — and have that transfer application ready if you spot any of the...

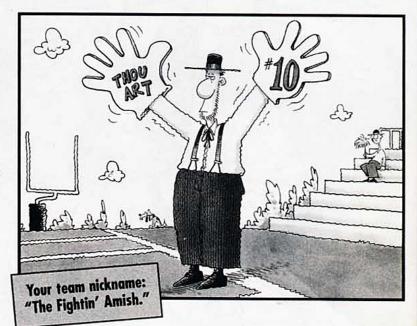
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HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

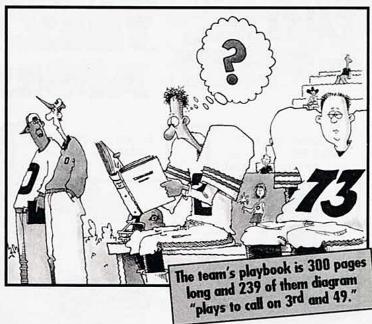
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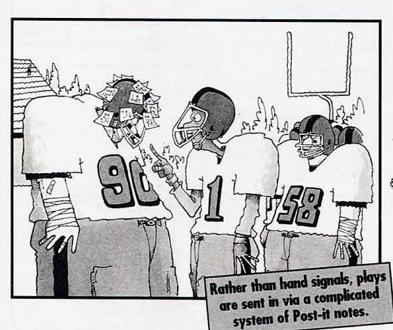






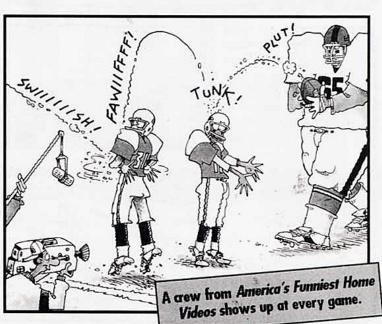








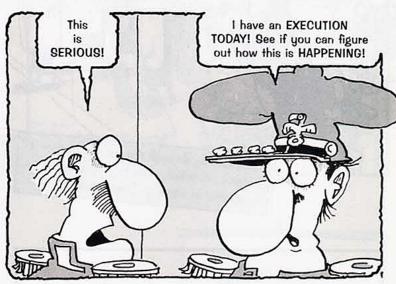


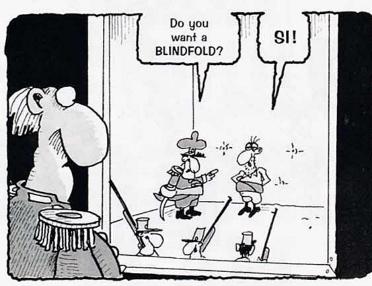


TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

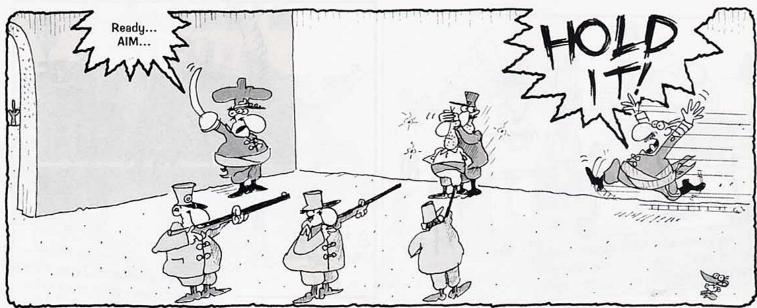
THEY SHOOT HORSES' ASSES, DON'T THEY?











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The people who help you waste \$59 to learn how to marbleize a rickety two dollar end table you got at a yard sale.

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"The more you spend the more we earn."—Anonymous

MITCH KREVOLIN

Screenwriter of three Porky'stype ripoffs from the early 1980s. Desperate to make next month's mortgage payment and very happy to get this gig.





DR. GRAY JOHNSON

Author, Men, Women, Mars, Venus, Yadda Yadda Yadda. Milking every last cent out of his 15 minutes of fame, as though sales of a New York Times bestseller and three years of desk calendars isn't enough.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Dozens of courses guaranteed to keep your mind occupied so you're not reminded of how you wish you had some friends, a girlfriend, boyfriend, pet - anyone - to hang out with this winter!

Crazy New Age crap that'll make your mother worry even MORE about you • Primitive Arts & Crafts that eight-year-olds are currently learning for free in even our most underfunded public schools . Dating & Relationship courses taught by curiously single women • Internet classes so you can ultimately spend even MORE time alone in your home . Home-Based Businesses that your parents will need to bail you out of ... & MORE! PHOTOGRAPHER: IRVING SCHILD WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO

Punishing Yourself Through Self Mutilation

Have you recently gone off your diet for the umpteenth time? Did you oversleep, almost causing you to be late for work? Have you ever forgotten to get the Sunday paper so you could clip coupons? Then punishing yourself by mutilating your own face and body could be right for-you!

In Susan Glashard's exciting new course, "Punishing Yourself Through Self Mutilation," you'll learn that yes, it is your fault when you need to fax something at work and you keep getting a busy signal. By taking responsibility for any trivial, unfortunate incident in your life, whether your fault or not, you'll become a better person - and it's fun!

You'll learn simple techniques to permanently scar yourself including:

· poking · cutting · slicing · gouging · yanking • biting • puncturing • searing!

Plus, you'll learn how to use everyday items around the house to hurt yourself even more:

· banging your head against a wall repeatedly • slamming your fingers in a drawer or door . cutting off your eyelashes with pinking shears . yanking out healthy teeth with a pair of Vise-Grips . giving yourself deep, painful papercuts with coarse-grit sandpaper • setting fire to your hair from your gas range . and much more!

Face it, your parents were right. You'll never amount to anything and it's your own damn fault. Maybe it's time you took the initiative to do something for yourself by learning to do something to yourself. You deserve it, you worthless piece of crap.

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Susan Glashard is a bad person. She was a miserable little girl and now she's a poor excuse for a woman. She's a complete screwup. Recently, an error on the part of the credit card company caused a salesperson to decline her Visa card for a small purchase at which point she went home, cut up the card in tiny little pieces, and shoved them under her fingernails.

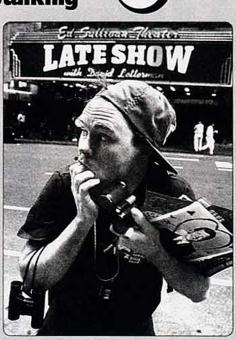
DAN GEROUSYCHO's **Intro to Celebrity Stalking**

Is there a certain someone in your life you've been attracted to but who still doesn't know you exist? Is this certain someone a well-known celebrity? Are you interested in trying to become involved with people who are completely unattainable?

Learn everything you need to know about the exciting world of celebrity stalking:

- · Use public records to find out your subject's home address and telephone number
- · Move beyond the Harmless Crush phase into the all-important Frightening Obsession phase
- · How to write at least five-to-six page fan letters in longhand every day
- · Constantly refer to your subject in casual conversation with others, as though you know him or her personally
- · Arrange articles, words, letters and photos about your subject torn from newspapers and magazines into a frightening collage glued directly to the wall above your desk in your rundown apartment

Our day ends with a screening of the delightful film Fatal Attraction with a follow-up discussion on how to avoid the mistakes Glenn Close's character made.



Dan Gerousycho has been a celebrity stalker for fifteen years, and has stalked such stars as Joyce DeWitt, James Van Der Beek, the cast of The Steve Harvey Show and Cookie Monster. His list of crimes include loitering, trespassing, and attempted homicide. There is currently a warrant out for his arrest.

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Twelve Seconds to **Achieving Kindness** with DR. ROGER LYNDE

In this life-enhancing seminar, dubiously-qualified physiologist and author Dr. Roger Lynde will reveal how to achieve total calmness by stifling your emotions and forgetting your responsibilities... in twelve seconds flat.

Through a unique combination of ancient wisdom, modern teachings and a rag soaked in



chloroform, Dr. Lynde will teach you to escape the stress and fear of everyday life (that normal, welladjusted people have no problem dealing with) and replace them with feelings of love, irresponsibility, a lack of motivation and — depending on the strength of the chloroform — possible permanent damage to lungs and brain tissue.

Note: Please arrive promptly! Due to time constraints, no one will be admitted to the classroom more than two seconds after class has begun.

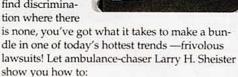
Dr. Roger Lynde is the author of such books as Calmitude in 12 Seconds and Calmitude in 12 Seconds in paperback. His newest book, When You Just Don't Have 12 Seconds: 8 Seconds to Fairly Good Calmitude will be published next year.

Course 868 East End Sat. Dec. 10 Sec. C 10:00pm-12am Course fee \$59 / Members course fee \$54

Frivolous Lawsuits — Your Key to Financial Freedom!

MCDONALD'S.
WHAL-MART.
STARBUCKS.
What do they
have in common? They're
big corporations
with deep pockets who're
ready to
make you a millionaire!

If you can pour hot coffee on yourself, trip on a loose rug or find discrimination where there



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- Stuff fingernails, hair, and/or dead insects into your meal when no one is looking
- "Discover" these impurities when you have an audience of reliable witnesses
- Ignore bright red safety cones by claiming color blindness and slip on wet floors
- Recognize which companies will agree quickly to a large out-of-court settlement to avoid negative publicity

You'll be amazed at the financial opportunities that await you by simply bandying around such terms as: "negligence," "trauma," "pain," "suffering," "emotional distress," and "violated."

Larry H. Sheister is a disbarred member of the law firm of Low, Rotten, Scumbag and Snake. He is currently involved in a lawsuit charging the Spending Annex for "false imprisonment" when he used a restroom in one of our buildings and forgot how to use the latch on a stall door. Also named in the suit is Taco Bell for selling him the soda which made his trip to the men's room necessary.

Course 1299 East End Sec. X Sun. Dec. 11 9 am-2pm Sec. Z Sat. Dec. 31 10am-3pm Course fee S59 / Members Course fee S54

How to Self-Publish Your "Brilliant" Book Once It's Clear No Mainstream Publisher Is Remotely Interested

an't find a publisher willing to pay scads of dough for your bad poetry, muddled fiction, loony conspiracy theories or anything else unmarketable? Maybe it's time you took a look into the exciting world of selfpublishing!



In this intensive one-day workshop, you'll learn:

- How to avoid paying an overpriced "artist" to illustrate your project by drawing the pictures yourself, enlisting a talented pre-teen niece or using the generic clip art that comes with your Desktop Publishing program
- The best times to make copies at Kinko's when you're least likely to get caught sneaking out without paying
- How to distribute your product using the "Sympathy/Guilt Ploy" to get the only remaining independent, struggling bookstore in town to carry your lousy book, after the managers at Border's and Waldenbooks refuse to even see you

Now you can have the know-how to make your own smart-looking book — one that'll rival even the nicest mimeographed plastic-spiral-bound church cookbooks!

Edythe Poorprose's self-published books include Harvest of Mediocrity: Selected Poetry, Winds of Lint and Other Poems of the Laundromat, and Haiku Hullabaloo. She has just finished her fourth book, Enchanted Bitterness, a collection of sonnets, and hopes to someday collect the entire press run of 250 copies from the printer who refuses to release them until he is paid in full.

Course 352 North Campus Sec. F Sat. Jan. 14 9 am-3pm Course fee \$59 / Members Course fee \$54

UPCOMING COURSES

- . How to Use a Fork
- Breaking Into the Homes of People While They're Attending Adult Ed Classes
- . How to Write Bad Checks
- Too Much Responsibility?
 How to Abandon Your Pets,
 Spouse or Children
- How to Make Your Own Home Entertainment Center With "Borrowed" Cement Blocks, Milk Crates and Planks
- How to Get Into the Greeting Card Business, Publish a Children's Book, Write and Sell a Magazine Article or Accomplish Any Other Similar Endeavor You Mistakenly Presume is Ridiculously Simple

How to Teach a New Age Class by Throwing Around Meaningless Buzzwords

More and more stupid, directionless people are turning to the nebulous, feelgood teachings of New Age "philosophy." Get in on this multi-billion dollar industry by doing what hundreds of others are doing: Teach a



New Age class! Today there's a serious shortage of teachers to fill the increasing demand for "knowledge"! And the best part is, absolutely no experience — or knowledge — is necessary!

In this intensive one-day workshop, you'll learn such vague and/or meaningless words and phrases as "quickening process," "mind's eye," and "guided imagery."

PLUS, YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO:

- Randomly add prefixes ("meta-," "trans-," "inter-") to any number of words to make them sound more meta-impressive
- Hyphenate words to make up your own personalized drivel ("trance-channeling," "aura-synthesization," "cosmic-dimensional," "self-harmonization")
- Use Buddhist, Hindu, Native American, or other exotic-sounding words ("Toltec," "Mantra," "Tantric," "Mandala") to add ancient-sounding wisdom and legitimacy to whatever you say

You'll come away with the tools you need to make a fortune in one of today's hottest industries, simply by further confusing people who are already confused to begin with! And the beauty is, they'll think they understand every word of what you say!

Dawnea Bas experienced her first transformational conscious evolution at age 26 and went on to achieve the 7 chakras of meditation before traveling to Sedona, Arizona to become a renowned metaphysical intuitive counselor who specializes in psycho-spiritual rhythmic crystal therapy. She is the author of Angels and Dolphins: Cosmic Balance in Altered Inner-Shadow Life Magnetism.

Course 946 East End Sec. A Sun. Dec. 11 10am-6pm Sec. B Sat. Dec. 17 11am-7pm Course fee \$39 / Members Course fee \$34

Buying Alcohol for Minors They'll Thank You For It!

If you're over 21, you have the power to bring happiness to countless teens right in your own community. How? Simply by buying them alcohol. Let's face it: Purchasing a case of beer is child's play for you and me — we're adults. But isn't it ironic that something that's "child's play" to us is not even possible for children to do?

Unemployed loser Chuck Byle will teach you how to start buying booze for kids who live in your neighborhood, including:

- · Hanging out where teenagers hang out
- · Bumming cigarettes off of teenagers
- Driving teenagers around in your old Chevy Nova

Plus, when you buy alcohol for minors, you're not just helping them...you're helping yourself, too! Kids today have money and they're willing to pay for their booze if you'll just go into the liquor store and buy it for them. Just think, you could earn two, three, even four dollars a day!

Once you've mastered the art of buying alcohol for minors, you'll enjoy social standing you never dreamed could be yours,



including A-list status at all those unsupervised high school parties that you were never invited to when you were in school.

Chuck Byle, 28, dropped out of high school twelve years ago to follow the Grateful Dead. After Jerry Garcia's death, he moved back to his hometown where he lives in the basement of his sister's house. He has been buying alcohol for teenagers for over a year now, and is described by past clients as "way cool," "a cool guy," and "ya know, really cool."

 Course 209
 Westside

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 Sat. Jul. 10
 10am-12pm

 Sec. I
 Sat. Jul. 24
 10am-12pm

 Course fee \$69 / Members Course fee \$64

Cornering Him Into Proposing Marriage with DR. PATRICIA SWANN

re you tired **1**of watching all of your friends even the nasty, butt-ugly ones get married? Do you avoid family functions because you know that your grandmother and at least two of your aunts will start in with, "So, when are YOU getting married?"



Let Dr. Patricia Swan teach you how to stop waiting for your boyfriend to pop the question and corner the poor bastard into marriage!

Whether or not either of you is ready for a lifelong commitment, marriage is the perfect way to convince yourself you're really where you want to be. Why focus your energies on furthering your career or going back to school when you could spend that time — and loads of your parents' money! — at countless bridal expos picking out the right shades of pastel-colored jordan almonds for that special day?

In this exciting seminar you'll learn how to:

- Use the right combination of bitching, whining, and moaning to chip away at your boyfriend's anti-marital defenses without scaring him away
- Get your future mother-in-law in on the act, so he's getting it from both sides
- Use sex or the sudden lack of it as leverage
- Fake, when all else fails, an unexpected pregnancy to rush the marriage process along

Marriage isn't just some quick-fix solution to make you feel as though you've accomplished at least one thing in your life — it also provides a perfect opportunity to get even with all your friends whose weddings you've attended...and make them spend hundreds of dollars on hideous bridesmaid dresses they'll never wear again!

Vaguely-titled "relationship therapist" Dr. Patricia Swan dated the same man for eight years, until she decided enough was enough! She cornered him into saying "I do," and now enjoys a loveless marriage that she has tricked herself into thinking has solved all her problems.

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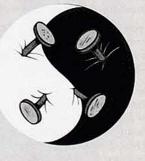
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 Sun. Jul. 25
 10am-12pm

 Course fee \$69 / Members Course fee \$64

Feng Shui for Your Junk Drawer

Perhaps you've already studied Feng Shui — the ancient Chinese art of placement that teaches you to rearrange your furniture for the completely imagined benefits of riches, health and balanced relationships. If you've convinced yourself that that malarkey worked, it's time to move on to the next step: Feng Shui for your junk drawer!

You'll learn how the location of items in your junk drawer can make or break your marriage, get you a raise at work or get you fired, save your life...or even kill you!



You'll learn:

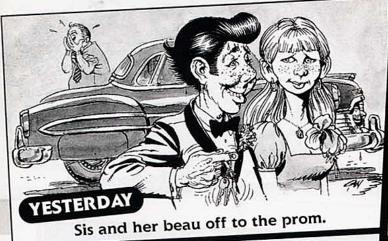
- The yin-yang relationship between pre-moistened towelettes and twist-ties
- Paint swatches or old dry cleaning tickets: which to push to the back of the drawer and why
- Screws, thumbtacks, and a single marble: the roving sentinels of the junk drawer
- Why to keep that corroding 9-volt battery close to the package of radish seeds packed for the 1992 season
- Empty film canisters and wooden thread spools: how their presence insures
 peace between the dried-up glue stick and that mystery adapter for some piece
 of electronics that you probably got rid of years ago

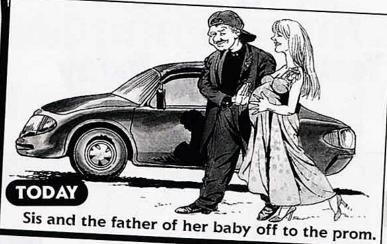
Mark Joseph Melvin is CEO of Feng Shui Factory, Inc., which distributes Feng Shui products. He also publishes the magazines Feng Shui Digest and Feng Shui for Kids and is the director of the annual Feng Shui Clambake. He is not Asian, has never been to China, and

attributes his incredible success not on the placement of furniture in his cluttered mansion, but on the gullibility of the American Public.

Course 127 Sec. J Sun. Jul. 25 Westside 11am-1pm

Course fee \$69 / Members Course fee \$64





...and prom dates aren't the only thing that have changed! As our society continues to devolve, each generation finds itself in worse predicaments than the last. As sure as things sucked for your parents, they suck even more for you, as you'll see in...

Scenes of Americana Yesterday Soday

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



Oops! Mom catches Dad sneaking a peek!



Oops! Mom catches Dad having cybersex again with that divorcee from Tampa!



C'mon - tell Santa what you want!



C'mon- tell the policewoman TODAY where Santa touched you!

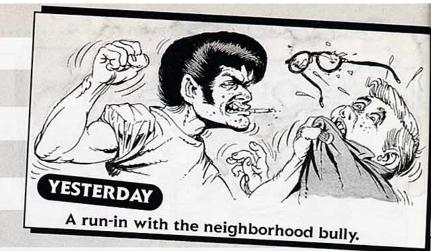
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Junior gets his first Boy Scout merit badge.

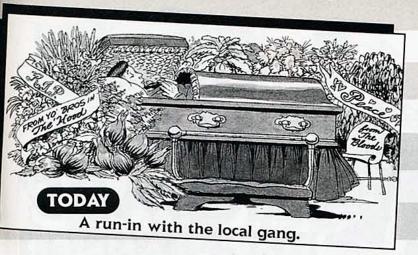


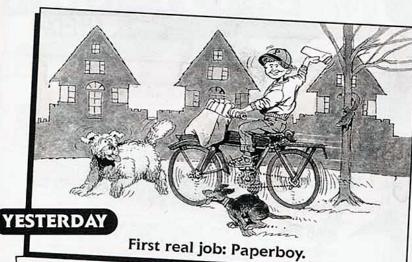


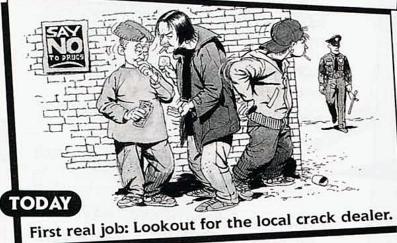




















A POKE IN THE ITINERARY DEPT.

We know that celebrities always claim to be just like your average Joe, but who are they kidding? Their daily lives are filled with things to do that we can only dream about! Between workouts with private trainers, massages, Versace shopping sprees and fancy fetes with other celebs, it's a wonder any actual work gets done! Wouldn't it be fun to take a peek into just one day on their calendar? Well, BAM! Your wish is our command, here's...

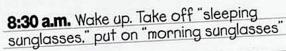




ARTIST: ANDRE LEROY BROWN WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

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Tuesday



8:45 a.m. Practice "Don't mess with me" sneer in front of mirror

9:00 a.m. Arrive at Bad Boy offices. Lead entire staff in morning prayer to me

9:05 a.m. First prank phone call of day to Suge Knight

9:30 a.m. Have name put on credits of song I didn't write

10:00 a.m. Supervise inventory of platinum chains and rings

10:30 a.m. Call and reserve Shea Stadium for my next birthday party

11:00 a.m. Have posse beat up Vibe editor for bad review

11:30 a.m. Call press conference to totally deny involvement in *Vibe* editor beating

11:45 a.m. Turn self in to police for Vibe editor beating

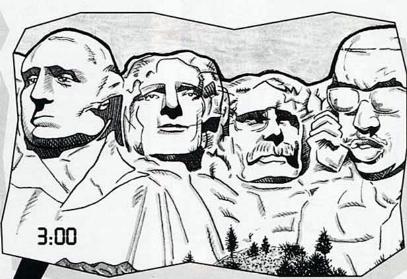
12:00 p.m. Lunch











12:30 p.m. Have posse beat up editor of *The Source* for bad lighting on last cover photo of me

1:40-1:41 p.m. Briefly check in on recording session of hot, new rapper...then charge him \$150,000 for a producer's fee

2:00 p.m. Hire extra money counters

3:00 p.m. Make inquiries about that "Puffy face on Mt. Rushmore" idea of mine

5:00 p.m. Leave Bad Boy offices. preceded by posse and entourage... followed by hangers-on, flunkies, go-fers and sunglasses valet

5:15 p.m. Fire sunglasses valet for Ray-Ban/Gucci mix-up

8:20 p.m. Stop off at Harlem block party to show that I'm still "down wit the brothers"

8:40 p.m. Helicopter back to estate in the Hamptons to attend formal dinner party at next-door neighbor Donald Trump's

1:00 a.m. Take off "midnight snack sunglasses" and put on "sleeping sunglasses." Go to bed







Severe coffin shortage from all the cult wackos who decide to "catch the Mother Ship" just before the "deadline."



Vomit-clogged city streets from amateur drinkers all out for their once-in-a-lifetime binge on the same night.

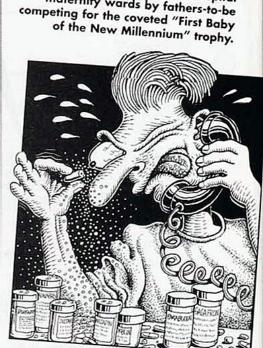
Thousands of prominent scientists, socologists and commentators all calling in "sick" for months on end, so they won't be confronted by the media about their "by-the-year-2000" predictions that turned out to be way, way off.



MORE GRIST FOR THE MILL-ENNIUM DEPT.

After reading "The Positive Side of the Y2K Problem" way back in MAD #388 (okay, 17 pages ago), you now believe that the Y2K problem isn't such a big deal — that not only will life go on, but your day-to-day existence might actually improve! And that makes you feel good, doesn't it? Well, guess what -WE LIED! When that ball drops in Times Square and the computers go down, life is going to suck with a sucky suckiness unlike any other suckage you've ever experienced, and not just for all the obvious reasons (planes falling out of the sky, your bank account disappearing, no more access to online porn), but for all these...

OTHER GUARANTEED TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MISERABLE



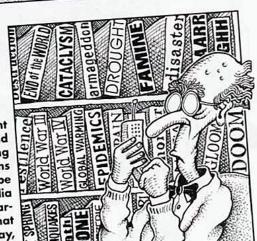
Widespread rioting in hospital

maternity wards by fathers-to-be

Drug company 800 number info lines will be overwhelmed with idiot callers wanting to know if their "time release" medication has been adjusted for the century turnover.



Phone lines jammed as millions of East Coasters call the West Coast and use their threehour edge to ask "How does it feel to be living in the last century?"





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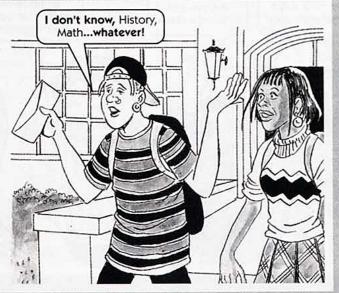
...and I intend to prove to the court that my client's actions are the direct result of temporary insanity! Why else would he have agreed to pay that outrageous amount of alimony?



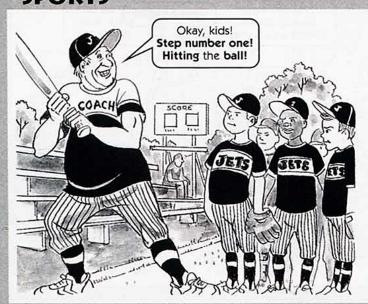
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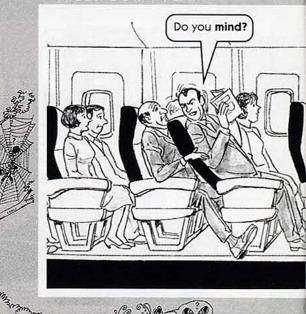
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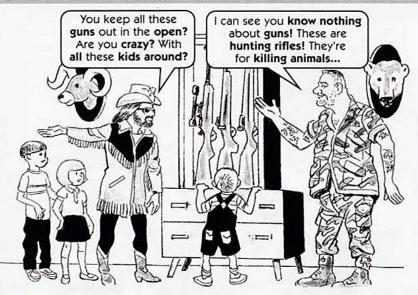
Right! I'll eat any animal that maintains a strict vegetarian diet!



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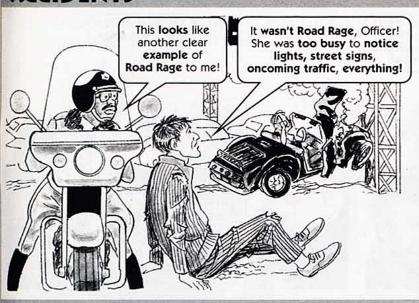


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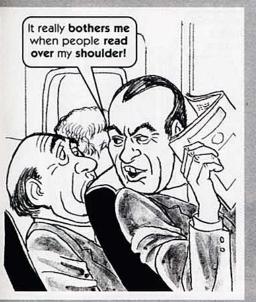
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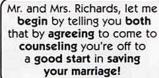
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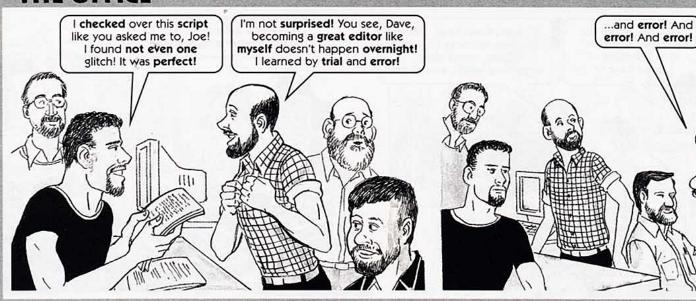


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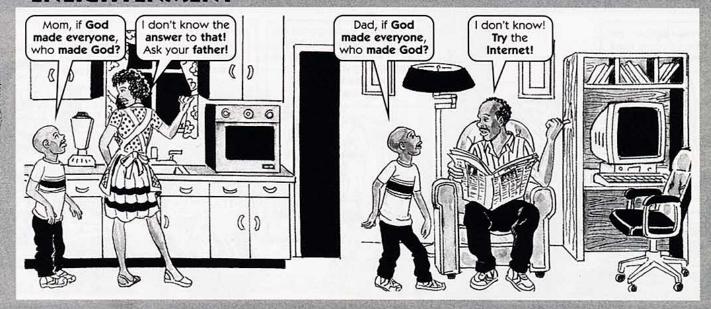




THE OFFICE



ENLIGHTENMENT



DOCTORS





There's a show that's in the Nielsen Top 10 that we defy you to find anyone who actually watches. It stars Kirstie Alley and Ron Silver. Well, at least it did! Here's...

Moronica's



Without my sitacerbic wit com this would was be the Brian canceled! Benben Show! Exactly!

As a firework Leon, you live I'm Alack, I'm Leon! I live in On Because since Rompy's business you're a dud! two worlds! Here, at in an upscale this this spoof was townhouse pretentious work, I'm a marketing partner! written. came on this manager and PR exec! on 38th and show Why do you've been Outside the office Lexington! THAT'S show to add written out you say sexual fireworks! I live in the 'hood! the 'hood! of the show!

Риггу. on this series you're the "DH"!

The "DH"? The Designated Hunk! We're counting on you in this role!

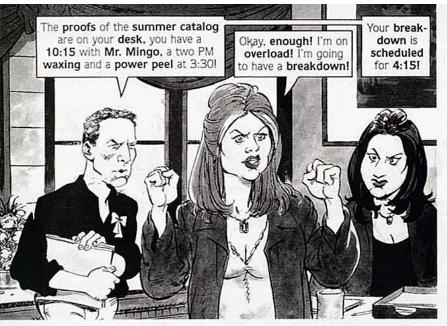
To always look buff and achieve the emotional depth of a cardboard cutout!

To do what?

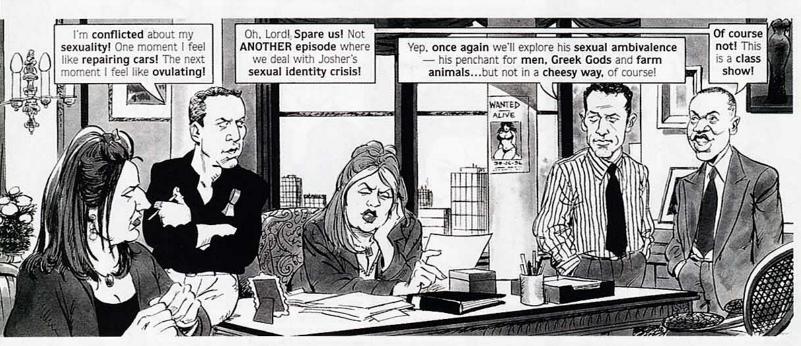
It's good to see Cheers' funniest character back in a series!

You think Kirstie Alley was Cheers' funniest regular?

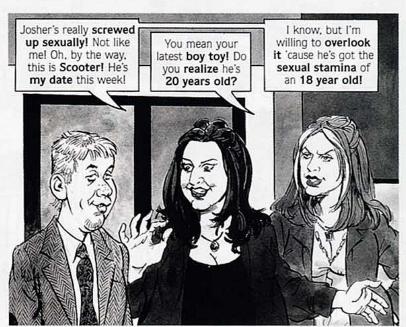
Kirstie Alley!?? I thought that was George Wendt in drag!







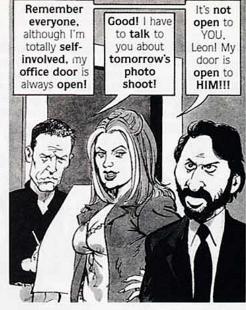






















CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars will be livin' la rigor mortis!

THIS MONTH'S FUTURE CANDIDATE TO SAY "ADIOS, MUCHACHOS":

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

Poisoned in

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RICKY MARTIN

CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Devastating hip-swiveling stage injury	2:1-
Fatal fall after accidentally flashing swoon-inducing smile at self in mirror	2:1
Trips over cable during taping for next year's VHI Where Are They Now special	3:1
Acute intestinal blockage from excessively tight pants	4:1
Double pneumonia from taking clothes off and dancin' in the rain	5:1
n act of jealous rage by other ex-Menudo mbers now working as short-order cooks	6:1
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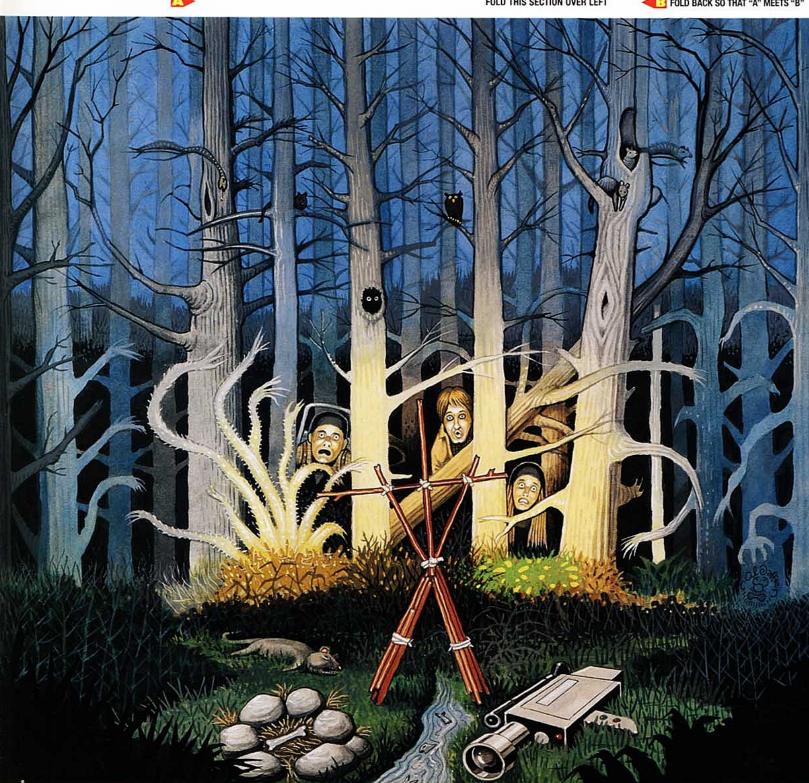
Only in America can a ridiculous concept suddenly grab hold and generate an unbelievable fortune. To find out the most recent example of one such idiotic concept, fold-in page as shown in the diagram in upper right hand corner.





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THE BUSINESS OF RAKING IN MONUMENTAL AMOUNTS OF CASH CAN BE FRIGHTENING SOMETIMES. RECENT EVENTS AMP-LIFY THESE FEARS AS A HALF-BAKED IDEA HAS A SHOT AT BEING THE TOP GROSSER. NOT A GOOD SIGN



